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## Special Announcement

### **New Federal Grant Application Requirement.**

*The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)* has directed all federal agencies to require all federal grant applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements. The DUNS number, which will help to improve the statistical reporting of federal grants and cooperative agreements, will be required whether an applicant is submitting a paper or electronic application. DUNS numbers will be required as of October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by visiting <http://www.dnb.com/us/>.

## Federal Opportunities

### **Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program.**

*The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Postsecondary Education (OPSE)* announces funds for overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, state departments of education, nonprofit private educational organizations or consortia of these entities. The deadline for applications is October 14, 2003. Approximately \$2.715 million is available to fund 40 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$80,000. For further information, contact Lungching Chiao at (202) 502-7624 or [lungching.chiao@ed.gov](mailto:lungching.chiao@ed.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/03-20434.txt>.

## District Opportunities

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at [http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding\\_grants/index.shtml](http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml) for the following notices:

*The Department of Human Services (DHS), Family Violence Prevention Services Grant*, due August 18, 2003.

*The Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), Capacity Building for HIV/AIDS and Other Housing Providers*, due August 29, 2003, at 5pm.

*The Office on Aging (OA), Lead Agency Grant Program*, due September 5, 2003, at 5pm.

*Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD, FY 2003 Latchkey, CPR and First Aid Grant*, due September 12, 2003, at 5pm.

*The Historic Preservation Office (HPO), Grant-In-Aid*, due October 17, 2003, at 3pm.

## Foundation Opportunities

**Animal Welfare.** *American Humane* offers the Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant to provide financial assistance to animal care agencies for shelter expansion or improvements. Grants are made only for construction, capital improvements, or equipment that directly impact the welfare of animals

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in shelters. Eligible applicants include nonprofit animal care agencies or local government agencies. Agencies must also be current members of American Humane at the Associate Agency Member level to qualify for a Meacham grant. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2004. Meacham grants may be awarded in any amount up to \$4,000. For further information, go to:

[http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pa\\_shelter\\_services\\_grants\\_meacham](http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pa_shelter_services_grants_meacham)

**Children's Well-Being.** *The With Arms Wide Open Foundation* seeks to ensure healthy, loving, nurturing bonds between children and their parents by funding existing service providers and identifying and addressing service gap areas. The Foundation's intent is to raise public awareness of the importance of healthy parent-child relationships. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that focus on education, public policy and judicial action. The Foundation also supports organizations that provide assistance to poor and low-income families, and organizations that offer services to families in crisis. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2003. For further information, go to:

<http://www.witharmswideopen.org/default.cfm>.

**E-Training Grants.** *Technology Works For Good (TWFG)* has partnered with the *Verizon Foundation* to widen access to its software application training classes through E-Training Grants. Eligible applicants include nonprofits in the DC metropolitan region. While the program is targeted at groups with annual budgets under \$500,000, any nonprofit may apply. Requests are processed online via the Verizon Foundation's website, with decisions rendered via e-mail within 72 hours. For further information and to link to the Verizon Foundation's website, go to: [http://www.technologyworks.org/education/verizon\\_etraining.php](http://www.technologyworks.org/education/verizon_etraining.php).

**Family Literacy.** *The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy* is accepting applications for its 2004 national grant competition. Its goal is to develop and expand family literacy efforts throughout the U.S., and to support the development of literacy programs that build families of readers. Eligible applicants include organizations that meet the following criteria: have been in existence for two or more years; have maintained fiscal accountability; currently have an instructional literacy program that has operated for at

least two years and includes one or more components of a family literacy program, specifically, literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy for children, or intergenerational literacy activities; and have maintained current nonprofit or public status for at least two years as of the date of the grant application. The deadline for applications is September 5, 2003. Approximately \$650,000 is awarded each year; no grant exceeds \$65,000. For further information, go to:

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>.

**Health Care Financing and Organization.** *The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's* Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization program focuses on research, demonstration, and evaluation projects that examine major changes in health-care financing and their effects on public policy. Proposed projects should focus on: the effects of current or proposed mechanisms for financing health services on health-care costs, access, and quality; or the development and testing of new ways to finance care that have the potential to improve access to more-affordable health services. Eligible applicants include public agencies and nonprofit organizations. Applications are accepted at any time. For further information, contact AcademyHealth, Attn: HCFO, 1801 K St., NW, Suite 701-L, Washington, DC 20006; (202) 292-6700; fax (202) 292-6800; or [hcfo@academyhealth.org](mailto:hcfo@academyhealth.org); or go to: <http://www.hcfo.net>.

**Media Support for the Environment.** *Temper of The Times Foundation, Inc.* promotes the use of standard marketing concepts to increase environmental awareness. Recognizing that organizations working to protect the environment in general have limited access to paid media, the Foundation provides funds to underwrite advertising designed to promote the conservation and restoration of native wildlife, plants, and ecosystems in the U.S. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2003. Grants are typically between \$5,000-\$15,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.temperfund.org/>.

**Minority Ministry and Empowerment.** The Minority Group Self-Determination Fund, established by the United Methodist Church, supports the empowerment of racial and ethnic minority people

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within and outside the church. Eligible applicants include minority groups that seek to develop programs of empowerment and ministry to their local communities or churches. Minority persons must comprise more than 50 percent of the membership of the decision-making committee for the project. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2003. For further information, including eligibility requirement, go to: <http://www.gcrr.org/MGSDF/Policies.htm>.

**Social Welfare.** *The Public Welfare Foundation* supports groups that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in meeting basic human needs. The foundation makes grants in the areas of community and economic development, criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly people and youths, environment, health, human rights, population, and technology assistance. Eligible applicants include nongovernmental groups. Online Letters of Inquiry (LOI) are accepted at any time. Grants range from \$25,000-\$50,000. For further information, contact PWF, 1200 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 965-1800; fax (202) 265-8851; or [general@publicwelfare.org](mailto:general@publicwelfare.org); or go to: <http://www.publicwelfare.org>.

**Young Women.** *The Third Wave Foundation's* goal is to harness the energy of young women by sharing information and resources between young women, together creating a community in which members can take action around issues that affect us all. Grant opportunities include the Reproductive Health and Justice Fund, which provides training and emergency grants; and Organizing and Advocacy Grants. Eligible applicants include organizations that benefit and are led by women between the ages of 15-30, with an emphasis on low-income women, differently-abled women, women of color, and lesbian and bisexual women. The Foundation rarely supports organizations with budgets exceeding \$500,000. The deadline for applications is October 1, 2003. Grants range from \$100-\$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/default.htm>.

## Resources & Announcements

**Save the Date.** *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development, in partnership with the Washington Council of Agencies,* announces its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Public-Private Partnership conference to be

held on October 21, 2003. This year's theme will be "Partnerships: Creating Opportunities for All." The all day conference will include informational and "how to" sessions on a variety of topics such as area funding trends and strategies, e-grants, volunteer recruitment, board development, evaluation, and more. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

**2003 Summer Feeding Program.** *The State Education Office (SEO)* has launched the 2003 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in DC. This initiative, promoted as "Come To the Table", which runs June 23-August 29, provides children up to age 18 and people with disabilities with well-balanced meals throughout the summer months. To date, this program has served over 400,000. The goal of the SEO is to ensure that 1 million meals are served in summer 2003, which is an increase from the over 800,000 meals served in summer 2002. To locate a Summer Meal Service Center (SMSC) in your community, check with your local school, recreation center, and community or faith-based organizations. For further information, please call the SFSP Summer Hotline at (202) 724-7726.

**Common Grant Application Format.** *Washington Grantmakers* is in the early stages of revising its Common Grant Application and would like to get input from area nonprofits about their experiences with the format. To that end, there will be a community-wide meeting in early September (watch for an announcement of date, place, and time). In the meantime, Washington Grantmakers is interested in your comments on *specific improvements*. Please send comments no later than August 15th to Maddie Krug at [krug@washingtongrantmakers.org](mailto:krug@washingtongrantmakers.org). To access the current format, go to: [http://www.washingtongrantmakers.org/WG/GM\\_Resources/Format/Format\\_Index.asp](http://www.washingtongrantmakers.org/WG/GM_Resources/Format/Format_Index.asp).

Key questions are:

1. Is there duplication of information within different sections? If so, can you suggest an alternative?
2. What specific section or sections do you find the most difficult to understand?
3. Is there a specific section that you would expand or emphasize?
4. If you have applied for funding for a capital campaign or general operating support: are there

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specific changes or additions you would make to more closely relate it to your request?

5. Is there something missing from the format, or some part of your organization's "story" that cannot be accommodated by the current format?

6. What sections of the application do you think work well?

## **Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).**

*The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but does require an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

## **Meet the New Director of the DC Department of Human Services.**

*The Department of Human Services (DHS)* invites DC nonprofit representatives to meet its new Director, Ms. Yvonne Gilchrist. This "meet and greet" will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2003, from 2-4 pm, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital Campus, 2700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE, 801 East Building, Director's Conference Room. For more information, contact Nancy West, Office of Community Outreach, DHS, at (202) 279-6101. To register online, go to:

<http://www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?EventId=9745>

## **New Do-Not-Fax Rules for Nonprofits.**

*The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)* recently released a Report and Order that amends the rules and regulations implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991. Under the previous rules, an organization or other entity could send an "unsolicited fax advertisement" to anyone with whom it had an "established business

relationship." The new rules, which will take effect on August 25, abolish the "established business relationship" exception and require recipients' express written permission before they can be sent unsolicited advertisements by fax. Thus, an organization will need permission from its members, associates, consumers, and anyone else to whom it sends a fax of a commercial nature. The rules apply to faxes that promote membership, products, programs, and services, including those that solicit conference registration, sell a product or service, and seek membership dues. The National Council of Nonprofit Associations has prepared an Issue Update that describes the new rules and implications for nonprofits. It is available at:

<http://www.ncna.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=216>.

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